

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: Not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

Grant: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Amount: \$4.7 billion
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.
Type: Competitive grants
Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

Grant: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Amount: \$2.5 billion
Agency: USDA Rural Utility Service
Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.
Type: Grants and loans
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Coupon: Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

Amount: \$650 million
Agency: Federal Communications Commission
Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.
Type: Coupons to individuals
Website: <http://www.dtv.gov/>